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OF THE

SALEM HOSPITAL.



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REPORT.

The Trustees respectfully submit the Fourth Annual Report of the Salem Hospital.

While no vacancy has occurred in the Board of Trustees, we regret to say that Dr. P. P. Bielby, of the Medical Staff, has felt obliged to resign his position because of continued ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brooks also tendered their resignations, to go into effect on the sixth of January, 1879.

The number of in-patients admitted in 1878 was 81, a falling off of 18 over that of the previous year.

Fourteen children were received into the wards during the year, and they exerted a happy influence on the adult patients by their presence, while they were at the same time being subjected to helpful treatment. The number of out-patients treated in the several departments amounted to 1583, divided as follows:—Medical, 693; surgical, 125; dental, 427; eye and ear, 338.

Number of visits made by these patients at the Hospital, at noon, 4,611.

A properly conducted hospital, one in which the well to do and the destitute sick are alike made to feel that they are welcome, when they apply for help in their time of trouble, should be an index of the state of health in the community in which it is located. Now as the number of patients in our wards was about one-fifth less in the year just ended than in the preceding one, and as the number of out-patients treated in the same time was also less, we naturally infer that there

was a gratifying immunity from disease in Salem and vicinity, as was the case in the previous year.

The number of deaths, however, was greater than in 1877, and amounted to eleven. Three of these were due to railroad accidents, and none of the victims lived over a few hours after being carried to the Hospital. Two were boys of five years of age, and both died in an interval of less than two weeks. Three of the remaining cases were considered hopeless at the time of their admission, but, as was true of the three accident cases, these sufferers were provided with all that skill and solicitous attention could suggest, and they were rendered as free from pain and disquieting environments as was possible while life lasted. The five remaining deaths were caused by typhoid fever, pneumonia, a burn, and abscess of the kidney—the last being in a boy who was admitted late in 1877.

The wards of a hospital are expected to be always open to cases however desperate. There the poor man and the friendless and unknown stranger are surrounded by all those agencies that will tend towards their comfort and recovery. If, unhappily, death should ensue, even then they have been soothed and tenderly cared for in their last hours to a degree that would not have been possible in a crowded tenement house, or in a repulsive and stifling lock-up cell.

While the majority of persons who frequent the outpatient department of the Hospital deserve free advice and medicines, either from the city or the Hospital, it is more than probable that a considerable proportion are able to pay at least for their medicines. In the large hospitals in Boston, it is customary to furnish medicines gratuitously only in exceptional cases, (with the exception of inexpensive lotions and salves to eye-patients).

The daily out-patient attendance here varies from about twelve, on stormy days, to fifty or more. With a view to eliminate unworthy applicants for relief, the plan might be adopted in the future of requiring the steward to satisfy himself by personal interrogation of every new out-patient that the candidate for free treatment is entitled to it.

This procedure would diminish the calls made by persons in easy circumstances, living in other towns, as well as in Salem, who are induced to go to the Hospital with the expectation of finding there a board of hospital doctors convened for the express purpose of giving an opinion in just such cases as theirs.

With a larger endowment of the Hospital, it may at some time be considered advisable to open new departments. At present, consideration for the safety of other patients renders it necessary to exclude all contagious and infectious diseases, with the exception of cases of typhoid fever, which are still admitted. Small-pox occurs so infrequently that it can be passed by in this connection, but members of our poorer classes are almost constantly affording us examples of scarlet and typhoid fever, measles, diphtheria, erysipelas, etc. Now, not only is it well nigh impossible to render such sufferers comfortable in their too-often contracted and squalid homes, and to give them the benefits of suitable treatment, but the dangers of contagion and infection to those unavoidably thrown in contact with them is great.

Therefore it is hoped that eventually so-called fever-wards may be opened, as a department of the Hospital, in some locality sufficiently isolated to prevent the danger of the extension of contagion and infection, in which the class of cases may be treated that is now de-

nied admission to the Hospital. Such wards have been attached to some of the “cottage hospitals” in England, and with most gratifying results. The Chesham (Bucks) Cottage Hospital—containing seven beds—has recently had erected an iron building which accommodates five fever patients.

The desirability of at some future time opening a maternity department of the Hospital can hardly be questioned.

In many humble homes in our midst, consisting of but two or three small rooms, which are, perhaps, crowded with occupants of all ages, “the unveiled mysteries of life and death” are revealed.

It would be a boon to many a mother, if, at the critical time when she needs quiet and clean surroundings, with gentle and skillful ministrations, she could spend a week or two away from her perchance miserable home. Abroad, and especially in England, such hospitals abound, though some of them contain but four beds, but in this country they are as yet comparatively rare. Without doubt, rooms could be provided in the eastern half of the present Hospital, that would be sufficiently remote from the other wards to be considered safe for the maternity patients, the yearly number of which would probably be not far from fifty.

The subject of establishing a training school for nurses in the Hospital has been discussed by this Board, and it is viewed with favor. Schools for nurses have been in operation so short a time that intelligent, docile, and skilled nurses are still difficult to find. When it is borne in mind that the care of the sick is a calling both honorable and remunerative, it would seem that a training school, under the immediate direction of the Medical Staff,—at first organized on a necessarily restricted

scale,—would attract deserving young women as pupil-nurses, and it would also be conducive to the efficient and economical management of the Hospital.

After a two years' course of study and practical instruction, and after passing the required examination as to competency, provided with a diploma or certificate, the graduates would go out with a knowledge of nursing in its best sense, that would ensure a constant demand for their services.

Whatever tends to make the days of convalescence or of hopeless illness seem less irksome, is keenly appreciated by the patients. Hence, the generous action of the Publishers of Salem, in presenting the Hospital with copies of their journals throughout the year, entitles them to our grateful thanks.

Among other acceptable gifts from interested friends, mention should be made of the pictures now hanging in the wards, which were given by Mrs. Joseph S. Cabot and the late Miss Caroline R. Derby. Nor do we forget the pleasant weekly remembrances during the summer from the young ladies of the Flower Mission.

We should not omit to state that the appearance of the Hospital has been characterized by the scrupulous neatness of previous years, while the varied and at times onerous duties of the retiring Superintendent and Matron, and their assistants, have been faithfully performed, and the expenses of the Hospital have been reduced so far as was compatible with its best interests.

For the Trustees.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEGACIES, 1874-5.

John Bertram, - - -	\$25,000	<i>Amt. brought forward.</i>	\$65,675
Mrs. Thos. Cole, - - -	5,000	Francis Cox, - - -	200
Mrs. Nath'l Saltonstall,	5,000	Charles Harrington, - -	200
Mrs. John Dwyer, - - -	5,000	John Archer, - - -	100
Joseph S. Cabot, - - -	3,000	Miss Caroline Follansbee,	100
Beq. Miss A. W. Ditmore,	3,000	Nathaniel Griffin, - -	150
A Friend, (by W. M.), -	2,000	William B. Smith, - -	100
L. B. Harrington, - - -	1,000	Miss Elizabeth P. Rogers,	200
Benj. W. Stone & Bros.,	1,000	Ripley Ropes, - - -	100
Mrs. David Pingree, - -	1,000	William B. Parker, - -	100
Mrs. Edward D. Kimball,	1,000	Caleb Foote, - - -	100
Jos. H. M. Bertram, - -	1,000	J. D. & J. W. Eaton,	100
Wm. Mack, - - -	1,000	Reuben W. Ropes, - -	100
A Friend, (by J. B. C.),	1,000	Daniel C. Haskell, - -	100
Beq. Miss L. F. Follansbee,	1,000	Mrs. E. B. Mansfield,	100
Wm. B. Howes, - - -	500	A Friend, - - -	100
Miss Elizabeth Howes, -	500	A Lady, - - -	100
Geo. F. Putnam, - - -	500	Mrs. S. B. Walcott, - -	50
Chas. A. Ropes, - - -	500	Simeon Flint, - - -	50
Mrs. Rob't Brookhouse, -	500	S. G. & C. S. Rea, - - -	50
William Hunt, - - -	500	Miss M. Ward, - - -	50
Mrs. Jos. Hodges, - - -	500	John Barlow, - - -	50
Jas. B. Curwen, - - -	500	Leverett S. Tuckerman,	50
Robert Brookhouse, - -	500	Mrs. Daniel A. White, -	50
Ephraim Emmerton, - -	500	William H. Foster, - -	30
S. Endicott Peabody, - -	500	A Friend, (by I. P.), - -	25
A Friend, - - -	500	Henry D. Sullivan, - -	20
A Friend, - - -	500	Cash, - - -	25
Mrs. Rebecca A. Silsbee, -	500	Miss Elizabeth B. Gardner,	25
John C. Lee, - - -	500	Nathaniel R. Treadwell,	30
Misses A. E. & C. Saltonstall,	500	James Dugan, - - -	25
Misses Derby, - - -	300	N. A. Horton, - - -	25
Arthur West, - - -	275	N. G. Symonds, - - -	20
George E. Curwen, - - -	250	Charles E. Symonds, - -	10
Edward D. Ropes, - - -	250	David Merritt, - - -	10
James Braden, - - -	200	Joseph C. Foster, - - -	10
Joseph Price, - - -	200	Cash, (W. W.), - - -	10
Augustus Story, - - -	200	Misses L. R. & M. J. Nichols,	5
<i>Amt. carried forward,</i>	<u>\$65,675</u>		<u>\$68,245</u>

1876.

	\$68,245	Miscellaneous, - - -	8
Miss Harriet A. Deland,	\$5,100	Trustees Sanders Fund, -	500
Est. Miss Sarah Archer,	500	Naumkeag Mills, (for a free	
Mrs. N. B. Curtis, - - -	100	bed), - - -	250
George P. Osgood, - - -	100		
Miss E. P. Rogers, - - -	100		<u>\$74,903</u>

1877.

Beq. Miss M. B. Derby,	\$1,000	Naumkeag Mills, - - -	250
A Friend, (by C. H. Price,)	300	A Friend, - - -	100
Mrs. Chas. W. Upham, - -	25	Miscellaneous, - - -	14
Wm. P. Upham, - - -	5		
Sanders Fund, - - -	500		<u>\$77,097</u>

1878.

<i>Amt brought forward</i>	\$77,097	Mrs. C. C. Ainsworth, -	2
Beq.. Nicholas Boylston,	2,925	Misses. L. R. and M. J.	
Beq. Misses. C. R. & Ma-		Nichols, - - - -	6
tilda Derby - - - -	5,750		
Sanders Fund - - - -	400		
Naumkeag Mills, - - -	250		\$86,430

EXPENDITURES, 1878.

House expenses, - -	\$1,498 13	Medicines, - - - -	148 74
Sundry " - -	510 90	" for out-pa-	
Fuel, - - - - -	194 09	tients, - - - -	561 87
Salaries, - - - - -	1,370 04		
Surgical instruments,	223 97		\$4,507 74

CHARLES S. REA, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE ADMITTING PHYSICIAN.

ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL FROM THE 1ST OF JANUARY,
1878, TO THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1879.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Patients paying board, . . .	13	4	17
" entirely free, . . .	34	30	64
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	47	34	81

Of these, one paid \$15 per week ; twelve paid \$7, nine of whom being seamen entitled to hospital aid, their board was paid by the U. S. Government ; and three paid \$5.

Six males and two females were in the Hospital on the 1st of January, 1878.

OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

	Paying.	Free.		Paying.	Free
Clergymen, .		2	Housemaids, .	2	12
Curriers, . .		4	Housewives, .	2	11
Laborers, . .		16	Boys, . . .	1	8
Mariners, . .	9	2	Girls. . . .		5
Mechanics, . .	3	4		—	—
			Total, . . .	17	64

NATIVITY.

Salem, . . .	15
Massachusetts (except- ing Salem), .	18
Other States, .	11
British Provinces, .	6
Ireland. . . .	21
Other Countries, .	10
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	81

RESIDENCE.

Salem, . . .	62
Beverly, . . .	5
Marblehead, . .	2
Lynn and Peabody,	2
Other Towns, . .	4
Other States, . .	6
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	81

Admittance was refused to fifteen persons suffering from diphtheria, chronic diseases, and the like.

The average number of days spent in the Hospital by paying patients was 14.75; and by free patients 29.79.

Including the money spent for instruments and furniture, repairs, etc., the average cost of each patient per week was \$12 80-100.

The average number of patients in the wards during the year was six.

Board was furnished 308 weeks, of which 273 were free.

HOUSE-PATIENTS.

DISEASES.	Total.	Recovered.		Relieved.		Not Relieved.		Died.		In Hospital, 1 Jan., 1879.	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Apoplexy,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ascites, from enlarged liver,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bronchitis,	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chorea,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Delirium tremens,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eczema,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Endometritis,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Epilepsy,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Febricula,	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fever, intermittent,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ typhoid,	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Gastrodynia,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hæmaturia,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Intertrigo,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liver, malignant disease of	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Placenta prævia,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pleurisy, chronic, with effusion,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pneumonia,	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Poisoning from belladonna,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rheumatism (acute 2),	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Tonsillitis,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis,	3	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Abscess (thigh 1; arm 1),	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Burn,	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Cataract,	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Contusion,	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cystitis,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ectropium,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fistula in ano,	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ of Steno's duct,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fracture, Colles'	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ of femur, disloc. of humerus,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ of tibia,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
“ ununited of tibia (op. declined),	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
“ (railroad accidents),	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Hemorrhoids (and fistulæ),	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hernia, inguinal	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hip joint disease,	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Irritable stump,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leucoma corneæ,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Necrosis of upper jaw,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia, sympathetic,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ granular,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orchitis,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Periostitis,	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Phlebitis, with ulcer,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spine, curvature of	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sprain.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Staphyloma corneæ,	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stricture of urethra,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ of rectum,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Synovitis,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ulcer,	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uterus, cauliflower excres.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wounds, hand, arm, and foot,	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
“ of scalp,	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	81	16	11	20	14	3	1	7	3	2	4

OPERATIONS ON HOUSE-PATIENTS.

Abscesses incised (arm 1, thigh 1),	.	.	2
Abscess of kidney aspirated,	.	.	1
Amputation of leg,	.	.	1
Excision of fibula (re-amputation),	.	.	1
Hemorrhoids tied,	.	.	1
Fistula in ano incised,	.	.	3
“ of Steno’s duct (ligature),	.	.	1
Fungus of testicle incised,	.	.	1
Paracentesis (ascites),	.	.	2
Times ether was given in the Hospital,	.		35

SURGICAL OUT-PATIENTS.

Abscesses,	.	.	31	Tumors,	.	.	12
Felons,	.	.	16	Fractures,	.	.	3
Wounds,	.	.	26	Ulcers,	.	.	6
Sprains, etc.,	.	.	21	Miscellaneous,	.	.	10

EYE AND EAR PATIENTS.

Whole number of eye patients,	.	.	255
“ “ “ ear “	.	.	83
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Total,	.	.	338
Clinic open 197 days.	Number of visits,	.	1694

DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Lids,	.	.	43	Lesions of globe,	4
Conjunctiva,	.	.	103	Lachrymal apparatus,	7
Cornea and Sclera,	.	.	41	Muscular affections,	7
Iris,	.	.	15	Percipient apparatus,	10
Choroid,	.	.	8	Refraction and Accom-	
Retina,	.	.	2	modation,	84
Optic nerve,	.	.	4	Ear diseases,	83
Lens,	.	.	9		

OPERATIONS ON THE EYE.

Extraction of cataract,	2
Enucleation of eye (glioma),	2
“ “ “ (sympathetic ophthalmia),	1
Iridectomy,	5
Ectropium,	2
Strabismus (convergent),	5
“ (divergent),	1
Tumors, operations on the tear passages, etc.,	29
Operations on the ear,	12
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Total,	59

NOTES OF THE TWO CATARACT EXTRACTIONS.

No 1—3d Sept. Man, 61. Left. Cornea, 11.5 m. m. Graefe. Without ether. Cortical left. Discharged 17th. V. $\frac{6}{60}$.

No. 2—16th Sept. Man, 78. Left. Graefe. Ether. Cornea. 11 m m. Discharged 29th. V $\frac{6}{18}$. Both patients could read small type.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

Applications for the admission of patients may be made to the Admitting Physician at the Hospital between 12 and 1 o'clock, and at other times at No. 35 Summer Street.

DEPARTMENT FOR OUT-PATIENTS.

Medical and surgical out-patients are treated from twelve to one o'clock daily (excepting Sundays.)

The Dentist is in attendance on Mondays and Thursdays at noon.

This department is designed for the relief of poor

persons *only*. The Physicians give their services, and the Trustees do not expect them to consider as free patients those who can afford to pay for advice and treatment.

Eye and ear patients are treated from eleven to one o'clock daily, Saturdays and Sundays excepted. Entrance at the west door of the Hospital.

Contributions of old cotton cloth, for bandages, are again called for, and it has been suggested that donations of partly worn clothing, especially for men and children, will be very acceptable.



